

October 24, 2005; Agenda Item No. 17

Resolution No. 05-083

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING THE
ADDITION OF THE BELL CREEK RIVER CORRIDOR PROJECT TO THE ACQUISITION
AND PARK DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WORKPROGRAMS,
CANOGA PARK AND WEST HILLS

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) has adopted comprehensive workprograms to prioritize land acquisition, park improvement, and related capital projects; AND

WHEREAS, the Conservancy may amend the Acquisition and Park Development and Improvement workprograms from time to time to add or delete projects; AND

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2004, the Conservancy adopted the Simi-Hills-Central Bell Creek Project Plan; AND

WHEREAS, creating a river parkway along Bell Creek between the Bell Canyon debris basin at Valley Circle Boulevard and Shoup Avenue, by acquiring land and easements and implementing park improvements in this area, advances the purposes and objectives of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act set forth in Division 23 of the Public Resources Code; AND

WHEREAS, the staff report dated October 24, 2005 further describes the project; AND

WHEREAS, the proposed action is consistent with the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan; AND

WHEREAS, this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the subject area of Bell Creek is ecologically and recreationally significant.
2. FINDS that this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

3. FINDS that this action is consistent with the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated October 24, 2005.
5. AUTHORIZES the addition of the Bell Creek River Corridor project to the Acquisition and Park Development and Improvement Project workprograms.
6. AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, regularly noticed and held according to law, on the 24th day of October, 2005 at Malibu, California.

Dated:

Executive Director